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SEATTLE, WA 98111-1247 (US)(57) **ABSTRACT**(73) Assignee: **Cingular Wireless II, LLC**(21) Appl. No.: **11/092,511**(22) Filed: **Mar. 28, 2005****Related U.S. Application Data**

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A method and system for generating a displayable icon or emoticon form that indicates the mood or emotion of a user of the mobile station. A user of a device, such as a mobile phone, is provided with a dedicated key or shared dedicated key option that the user may select to insert an emoticon onto a display or other medium. The selection of the key or shared dedicated key may result in the insertion of the emoticon, or may also result in the display of a collection of emoticons that the user may then select from using, for example, a key mapping or navigation technique.

